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REGARDING THE AMENDMENTS

New claims 17 to 22 are supported by the specification, as originally filed in U.S. Patent No. 6,037,366. Specifically, support for independent claim 17 may be found, for example, in col. 1, line 61 and support for independent claim 20 may be found, for example, in col. 3, in the table at the top of the page, line 8. Support for dependent claims 18 and 21 may be found, for example, in col. 3, line 43 and support for dependent claims 19 and 22 may be found, for example, in col. 3, lines 43-45. As such, no new matter has been added by the new claims.

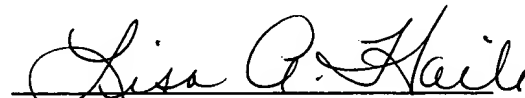
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in order to clarify the invention. No new matter has been added. The new claims are supported by the specification and claims, as originally filed, as set forth above.

If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the Office Action, Applicant's representative can be reached at (858) 677-1456. Please charge any additional fees, or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355.

Respectfully submitted,

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